

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 77-648-E - ORDER NO. 78-111✓

February 27, 1978

David H. Armstrong, Jr.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
-vs-)	ORDER
)	DENYING
)	REHEARING
South Carolina Electric &)	
Gas Company,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

This matter comes before the South Carolina Public Service Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") by way of Petition filed by David H. Armstrong (hereinafter "the Complainant") on February 17, 1978, seeking certain relief in the nature of a rehearing in the instant proceeding. This proceeding had been initiated by a complaint and request for a formal hearing, filed on November 17, 1977, seeking a determination that the policies and procedures for the receipt of minor coins in payment for utility bills rendered by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (hereinafter "the Defendant") were unreasonable and should be discontinued.

On February 6, 1978, after a public hearing held on January 5, 1978, the Commission issued its Order No. 78-71 whereby the particular policies and practices of the Defendant which were at issue were found to be lawful and reasonable, and the relief requested by the Complainant was thereupon denied.

The Complainant's Petition for Rehearing recited that it was filed "to satisfy the statutory precondition to obtaining

judicial review"¹ of the Commission's Order No. 78-71. The Petition further asserted that the Commission erred in the determination embodied in its Order No. 78-71, and urged reconsideration of the record of this proceeding.

The Complainant's Petition offers no basis for its contentions of error, nor does the Complainant propose to provide additional evidence to compel or encourage the Commission to reconsider the findings and conclusions of Order No. 78-71. A mere assertion of error, without more, is insufficient as a lawful or reasonable justification for rehearing.

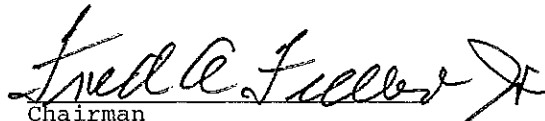
The Commission is of the opinion, and so finds, that the relief sought in the instant Petition should be denied.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the relief sought by the Petition for Rehearing, filed by the Complainant on February 17, 1978, be, and hereby is, denied.

2. That Order No. 78-71, issued in this Docket on February 6, 1978, remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

(SEAL)

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See, S. C. Code Ann., § 58-27-2310 (1976)